

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 31**

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$26,228 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant Program for the operation of the APD Gang Prevention Project.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant Program for the grant period September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. This is the second year of a 5-year grant project. There is no required match.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** APD Chief of Staff David Carter/974-5030

**Prior Council Action:** June 21, 2007

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This action approves a resolution authorizing the application of \$26,228 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant Program for the operation of the Police Department Gang Prevention Project. The grant project period is September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. The project is entitled "APD Gang Prevention Project."

The goal of the grant program is to prevent gang-related criminal activity through education. The APD Gang Prevention Project staff will train and mentor juveniles (under 17) to increase their awareness of gang-related issues, to explore positive alternatives to gang membership, to intervene and serve as positive role models, and to prevent youth from engaging in criminal behavior and entering the juvenile and/or criminal justice system. The project will also provide training for parents, guardians, professionals, and in-agency personnel.

The \$26,228 in grant funding will provide for the following: training on gang-related issues for staff in the amount of \$8,700; supplies in the amount of \$5,000; and temporary part-time clerical assistance in the amount of \$12,528.

This grant addresses the Department goals of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents.